GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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DEATH OF BIRDS AND ANIMALS IN ZOO
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many animals and birds of rare species in Delhi have died during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the total number of birds and animals died during said period, year-wise;

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to make this zoo more attractive and for the protection of rare species and to increase the number of birds and animals of new species; and

(d) the amount allocated and the heads on which it was used and the way in which it was utilised during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a)&(b)The rate of death of animals and birds in National Zoological Park, New Delhi has been in the normal range during the last three years.

The total number of birds and animals died in National Zoological Park, New Delhi during the last three years is as given below:

Year	Mammals	Birds	Reptiles	Total
1996-97	21	0	0	21
1997-98	31	121	9	161
1998-99	48	54	3	105
Total	100	175	12	287

The major causes of death of the animals are enteritis, pneumonia, tuberculosis, injury due to infighting etc.

(c) Steps proposed to make the zoo more attractive are:

1. Naturalistic and large enclosures for animals.
2. Improved signage and interpretation.
3. Organising guide services for visitors.
4. Enriching the environment of zoo through plantations etc.

(d) The brief break up of the budget allocation/utilisation in National Zoological Park, New Delhi is as follows:-

(Rs. In corore)

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99	
Item of work	Alloc-ation	Utili-sation	Alloc-ation	Utili-sation	Alloc-ation	Utili-sation
Salaries & Establishment cost	1.51	1.68	2.10	2.02	2.05	2.16
Upkeep & management of Animals	0.60	0.65	0.65	0.66	0.66	0.71
Dev. activities including procurement of equipment	0.10	0.07	0.20	0.21	0.20	0.35

Total	2.21	2.40	2.95	2.89	2.91	3.22

Remarks: It does not include cost of civil construction works.